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on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 6/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission (16743/2014 – C8-0288/2014 – 2014/2162(BUD))

Committee on Budgets

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## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

**on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 6/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission (16743/2014 – C8-0288/2014 – 2014/2162(BUD))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 41 thereof,
- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, as definitively adopted on 20 November 2013<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>3</sup>,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>4</sup>,
- having regard to Draft amending budget No 6/2014, which the Commission adopted on 17 October 2014 (COM(2014)0649),
- having regard to Amending letter No 1/2014 to DAB 6/2014, which the Commission adopted on 3 December 2014 (COM(2014)0730),
- having regard to the Joint conclusions agreed by the Parliament and the Council on 8 December 2014,
- having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 6/2014, which the Council adopted on 12 December 2014 and forwarded to the Parliament on the same day (16743/2014 – C8-0288/2014),
- having regard to Rules 88 and 91 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0074/2014),

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 51, 20.2.2014, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

- A. whereas Draft amending budget (DAB) No 6/2014 relates to the revision of the forecast of traditional own resources, VAT and GNI contributions, a reduction in the budgetary appropriations for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the reserve for Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements, as well as an increase in the budgetary appropriations for the European Ombudsman,
- B. whereas the overall impact of this DAB on revenue, following the adoption of Amending letter 1/2014 to DAB No 6/2014, is a decrease in the requirements for own resources of an overall amount of EUR 4 095,5 million, comprising a reduction in Member States' GNI contributions of EUR 4 515,5 million and an increase in the amount of Traditional Own Resources of EUR 420 million,
- C. whereas the purpose of DAB No 6/2014 is to formally enter these budgetary adjustments into the 2014 budget,
  - 1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 6/2014, as submitted by the Commission and as amended by Amending letter 1/2014;
  - 2. Notes that the decrease in budgetary appropriations related to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the reserve for Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements amounts to a total decrease of EUR 76,3 million in commitment appropriations and of EUR 6,2 million in payment appropriations, mainly resulting from the later adoption of the legal basis for the Fund and the updated assessment of the status of negotiations linked to the previously mentioned Fisheries Agreements;
  - 3. Welcomes the proposal to use EUR 6,2 million of the savings in payment appropriations mentioned in paragraph 2 above to help finance possible humanitarian aid crises by the end of the year;
  - 4. Underscores that the overall impact of DAB No 6/2014 on GNI contributions is a reduction of EUR 4 515,5 million and an increase of EUR 420 million in the forecasts for Traditional Own Resources;
  - 5. Endorses the Joint conclusions agreed by the Parliament and the Council on 8 December 2014 with the view of accepting DAB No 6/2014 as amended by its Amending letter , including a shift of the expenditure side to DABs No 3/2014 and No 4/2014;
  - 6. Recalls that the adoption of this DAB No 6/2014 will reduce the need for Member States' GNI contributions by EUR 4 515,5 million and therefore, together with the reduced shares of the GNI contribution from Member States to the Union budget resulting from DAB No 3/2014, DAB No 4/2014 and DAB No 8/2014, will fully compensate for the additional payment needs requested in DAB No 3/2014 as agreed in the Joint conclusions of 8 December 2014;
  - 7. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 6/2014;
  - 8. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 5/2014 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	15.12.2014
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+ : 34 - : 2 0 : 1
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Jean Arthuis, Richard Ashworth, Reimer Böge, Lefteris Christoforou, Jean-Paul Denanot, Gérard Deprez, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier, Iris Hoffmann, Monika Hohlmeier, Bernd Kölmel, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Vladimír Maňka, Sophie Montel, Clare Moody, Siegfried Mureşan, Victor Negrescu, Jan Olbrycht, Younous Omarjee, Pina Picierno, Paul Rübig, Petri Sarvamaa, Patricija Šulin, Eleftherios Synadinos, Isabelle Thomas, Inese Vaidere, Marco Valli, Monika Vana, Daniele Viotti, Marco Zanni
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Tamás Deutsch, Pablo Echenique, Ernest Maragall, Andrej Plenković, Sergei Stanishev, Nils Torvalds